Whereas there have been of late several Acts of the British Parliament tending to introduce an unjust and partial administration of justice to change our pre Constitution to a state of Slavery & oppression and to introduce Popery in some parts of British America we do therefore engage & declare that we the Subscribers will not accept of any Commission in Consequence of or in Conformity to s.d Acts of Parliament or upon any unconstitutional regulations & that if called upon we are required to do any Injunctions in our respective Offices in Conformity to s.d Acts or any way contrary to y.e Charter of this Province that we will respectfully desist although we may thereby lose our Commissions as witness our hand at Barnstable on y.e 27.th day of Sept.r AD 1774

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